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The Department of Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement Releases Annual Report

DNCE's Annual Report Highlights Neighborhoods Programming in Lansing

(LANSING) – The Department of Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement (DNCE) has released their FY19 Annual Report. DNCE Director Andi Crawford and her team have worked directly with the Lansing community to build capacity and continue to enhance important neighborhood programs.

In January 2018, Mayor Schor issued his first executive order to create the department with a mission of engaging citizens, advancing people and building neighborhoods. The Office of Financial Empowerment (OFE) also resides within the department. Since 2013, the FREE 1:1 financial counseling offered through this office celebrated six years resulting in \$11M reduction in non-mortgage household debt and \$2M increase in household savings for participating clients.

“Neighborhoods are a high priority for my administration and the work that the Department of Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement has done has significantly benefited our residents,” said Mayor Schor. “Together, we are moving Lansing forward by generating even more neighborhood unity and pride citywide.”

The Annual Report contains programs like Neighborhoods in Bloom and Serve Lansing which engaged residents in planting 10,000+ flowers, collecting 240+ bags of litter during the Trashtag Challenge and much more.

Neighborhood Programming

Engaging Citizens: Citizens Academy, Housing & Neighborhood Resource Summits, LOVE Lansing Celebration, Neighborhood News, Neighborhood Roundtables, Participatory Budget Nights, SERVE Lansing and Walking Wednesdays.

Advancing People: Office of Financial Empowerment and building civic-minded professionals.

Building Neighborhoods: Neighborhood Clean Ups, Neighborhood Grants and Neighborhoods of Focus.

DNCE Annual Report: <https://neighborhoods.lansingmi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/991/DNCE-2018-2019-Annual-Report>

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